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H.J.Res. 70 – Congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States

FLOOR SITUATION

H.J.Res. 70 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Sanford Bishop (D-GA) on December 13, 2007. It was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

**Note: H.J.Res. 70 is cosponsored by 260 members.*

H.J.Res. 70 is expected to be considered on the floor on April 8, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.J. Res. 70 resolves that Congress:

- Congratulates the Army Reserve on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the enactment of its original authorizing law;
- Recognizes and commends the Army Reserve for the selfless and dedicated service of its past and present citizen-soldiers whose personal courage, contributions, and sacrifices have helped preserve the freedom and advance the national security and homeland defense of the United States; and
- Extends its gratitude to the veterans, soldiers, families, and employers whose essential and constant support have enabled the Army Reserve to accomplish its vital missions and renews our Nation's commitment in support of their noble efforts.

BACKGROUND

The 60th Congress enacted Public Law 101, which was signed into law on April 23, 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt. This legislation authorized the first Federal reserve force and the first trained officers in a reserve status for the United States military.

The Army Reserve is organized into three components, the Ready Reserve, the Standby Reserve, and the Retired Reserve, which together number more than 1 million soldiers. Since 1990, Army Reserve Soldiers have been deployed to support every American military operation, including peacekeeping and humanitarian missions. The Army Reserve has provided support for Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, and Iraqi Freedom, and more than 42,000 soldiers of the Army Reserve have served multiple deployments since September 11, 2001. Currently, more than 26,000 Army reservists are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and 18 other nations around the world.

The United States Army Reserve will celebrate their centennial on April 23, 2008.

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